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## Football moves to new conference

BY JACOB TROXELL  
News Editor

The 2014 season will be Salisbury University's football team's last in the Empire 8 conference, as they head to the New Jersey Athletic Conference in the 2015 season.

"The move to the New Jersey Athletic Conference brings an exciting new era in Salisbury University football," said Salisbury Director of Athletics and Recreation Michael Vienna. "We are looking forward to a great relationship with this outstanding organization."

Four other members of the Capital Athletic Conference, including Frostburg State, Christopher Newport University and Wesley College will make the move to the NJAC as well, joining Rowan University, Montclair State University, The College of New Jersey, Kean University, and William Paterson University. For SU, the move will only involve the football team, as the other 20 SU varsity teams will remain in the CAC.

"We are excited about joining the New Jersey Athletic Conference," said SU head football coach, Sherman Wood. "The addition of the CAC schools merging with 5 traditionally strong New Jersey (schools) makes up arguably the toughest conference in the nation."

Together, the 10 football programs that will be in the NJAC have combined for 72 conference championships and 61 NCAA appearances in their collective histories.

As the SU football team gets into their non-traditional spring season which consists of fine tuning drills, schemes and evaluating talent, Wood says the team is focused on heading into the NJAC fresh off of another Empire 8 championship. The Sea Gulls have won the Empire 8 conference twice since they joined in 2011.

"Spring ball allows us to come together as a team and get reps in so we can come into fall camp into august prepared," said freshman offensive lineman Graham Hensley. "Being the last season in the Empire 8, we definitely want to win the conference outright and get back to the NCAA playoffs. The NJAC will be one of the strongest conferences in the nation and we want to win that (2015) conference title."

Joining the NJAC will allow Salisbury to keep its annual "Route 13 Rivalry" and Regents Cup rivalry games with Wesley and Frostburg State. SU has played against rival Wesley in each of the last 21 seasons, and has played Christopher Newport in each year since their football team's inaugural 2001 season.

Wood said another one of the factors that affected the programs decision to join the NJAC was the amount of travel involved with staying in the Empire 8.

SUNY Courtland State and Morrisville State College will become members of the Empire 8 Conference in 2015, and if Salisbury were to stay in the Empire 8 Conference the team would face much more rigorous travel schedules. SU will not have to make 8-10 hour bus trips to upstate New York

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## SU alumna travels to save lives

*Amidst food shortages, political upheaval and terrorist attacks, SU graduate Breana McKinnon nurses Kenyan villagers back to health*

BY SHANNON WILEY  
Staff Writer

Armed with a degree in nursing, Salisbury University 2013 graduate Breana McKinnon let her passion for volunteering take her where most SU graduates have not reached: Kenya.

Ending up in Kenya was not just fortunate happenstance, though; McKinnon began exploring options for helping people through her enthusiasm for biology in high school.

Her interests were sparked, first, through hearing about her cousin-in-law who served as a teacher in Africa for two years through the Peace Corps. Although by that time she had not actually met her cousin-in-law, the stories that were relayed back to her were enough to inspire.

"Hearing about her experience opened my mind to the idea of using volunteer work to make this world a more positive place than I found it," McKinnon said.

McKinnon's first taste of volunteering through nursing came through studying abroad in India and Africa during college. With

these, her perception about the state of healthcare throughout the world was changed. She observed that in many places, many people lack the basic necessities Americans rely on.

"I saw firsthand that not everyone had access to proper health facilities, education, or even clean drinking water or food," McKinnon said. "Recourses such as electricity, gloves, or the ability to sterilize instruments were scarce."

Lack of resources was not the only thing that McKinnon came face-to-face with on her journeys, either. On these trips, she also saw people suffering from diseases American healthcare had eliminated or minimized drastically, including Tuberculosis, Polio, Malaria,

HIV and more.

From these experiences, she said, her life changed "educationally and spiritually."

After graduation, believing that aiding people throughout the world through nursing was her purpose in life, McKinnon researched volunteer organizations and accepted a job in Oct. 2013 with the Catholic Medical



Photo contributed by Breana McKinnon

SU alumna Breana McKinnon unexpectedly found herself working in the maternity ward in a Kenyan hospital, teaching proper care for newborns to their mothers.

Mission Board.

"This organization possessed the same vision I had for the world," she said. "A world in which every human life is valued and quality health care is available to all."

Before heading to Kenya, McKinnon had to spend one Nov week in New York City and New Jersey for orientation with other volunteers working for the CMMB and then on Nov. 28, 2013, Thanksgiving Day, McKinnon left for Kenya for one year.

Despite her excitement for starting this new part of her life, she held onto some strong fears.

"As a new nurse I worry that I will not be good enough or experienced enough... I won't be what they need," McKinnon blogged shortly before leaving. "But then I think about how much I loved my past experiences with international health care. I also think about where I'm going and the lack of health workers and resources. Because of that I need to push aside my worries and be confident in my education, for there is a reason I have been lead down this path."

When McKinnon first got to Kenya, she spent a few days in the capital of Kenya, Nairobi, meeting

colleagues and touring. Soon after, though, she moved to Tabaka in western Kenya where she started working at Tabaka Mission Hospital.

Upon arriving, she was placed in the maternity ward, a division of a hospital McKinnon had not expected to work in.

"I never really thought I was 'cut out' for mommies and babies," McKinnon said. "Seeing life happen in front of you is truly a miracle, it's the most amazing experiences to be a part of a healthy birth. Unfortunately, mother and baby death are far too common here."

In America, roughly 650 women, of about four million, die every year because of complications in pregnancy or delivery (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); for every 1,000 babies born each year (2009-2012), only six die before reaching their first birthday (The World Bank). However in Kenya, that number is much larger.

The first time McKinnon lost a baby, she was surprised by what had happened in the hospital.

"Juliet was born 30 weeks gestation," McKinnon explained in a blog

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Photo contributed by Breana McKinnon

McKinnon poses with some of the Kenyan children that she helped despite language and culture barriers.

## SU students react to recent crime surge

BY JUSTIN MCCLURE  
Staff Writer

As the door closed behind him, the sound of crutches pounding concrete grew louder. The strap of his backpack had slipped past the cusp of his shoulder. He posted himself up to adjust the stubborn harness.

"You seriously don't have to do this" said sophomore Patrick Zarek.

His friend simply looked at him shutting down every conceited effort of resistance. The two stood at an impasse outside Blackwell Library as

Zarek realized the inevitability of accompaniment to his off campus home on West College Avenue. The crutches poked themselves forward with a brazen follow through, beginning the trek through a drizzly Sunday night.

As a result of the recent crime wave that had befallen the Salisbury area, many students were left questioning their safety both on and off campus.

While Zarek maintained that his friend's accompaniment was a nice gesture, he declared that he feels no different after the recent events.

"Salisbury has always had a sketchy reputation,

you just can't put yourself in a position to be taken advantage of" Zarek said. "Overall, I still feel safe."

After police attempted to arrest Edwin L. Fletcher on a drug felony warrant in Salisbury, Fletcher rammed a police car with three officers inside near the university. In response to the incident, police issued a campus lockdown. On April 2, Fletcher was arrested in Delaware on assault charges.

Following the previous incident, a bomb threat was called into the Salisbury Mall. Police units

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were dispatched to evacuate the building. Later that day, an armed robbery occurred at the Bank of Delmarva on Eastern Shore Drive. The suspects still remain at large.

The most recent occurrence took place around TCBY located on Dogwood Drive, adjacent to Sea Gull Square. Three Salisbury students were injured after an attempted mugging. One suspect was reported to have possessed a handgun. The suspects fled on foot.

With all three incidents occurring within miles of the campus, The Salisbury University Police Dept. sent out an email to students encouraging them to err on the side of caution on campus and around the city.

Freshman Freddie Raab highlighted the efforts of the authorities after the campus lockdown.

"I feel safe because the authorities kept us under control and safe inside the buildings we were already located in, and even if I didn't feel safe I wouldn't switch schools," Raab said.

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for away games after joining the NJAC.

"With the addition of Cortland, Morrisville and possibly another New York school joining the Empire 8 by 2016, it was time to consider another conference. Traveling to those places would have been academically and physically unfair to our students," Wood said. "When the NJAC reached out to Salisbury, we thought it was in our student's best interest to join."

## KENYA

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post. "Despite being premature she lived four weeks and five days. In fact, she was getting stronger and healthier by the day. Then, I arrived to work this morning and baby Juliet had died. The nurse had no explanation as to what happened, in fact looking through all the notes baby Juliet had not been monitored all night. The doctor believes the mother fell asleep on her."

"Seeing this," she continued, "I am beginning to realize why I am here. To educate and hope-fully set a good example as to what it means to monitor, access and care for your patients."

After a few months, McKinnon was transferred to the female surgical ward.

While McKinnon was delivering babies, performing c-sections, and aiding her female patients, she and her colleagues were also being affected by political events in Kenya, such as Nelson Mandela's death, Kenya's Independence Day on Dec. 12, and a country-wide health care strike. All of which, McKinnon said, affected the health of Kenyans and the hospital she worked at.

The most influential event, though, was the strike. It began on Dec. 10 over disputes between healthcare workers and the Kenyan government about the devolution of healthcare services and whether the salaries of workers should be paid by the government. The strike has, even still, caused many hospitals to close and turn out patients, which in turn has caused Tabaka Mission Hospital to take in many more patients.

"Although I enjoy how busy we are, I feel there is something morally wrong with this situation," McKinnon said. "I can only look at this situation from an objective point of view, and try not to take sides."

Not all of the challenges she has experienced have stemmed from actual nursing or political events.

"I am also trying really hard to learn Kiswahili," McKinnon said. "Partly because I want to be able

to communicate with my patients, but also because a couple of the nursing students refuse to speak to me in English, they say it's for my own good."

Sometimes even Kiswahili does not help her, though.

"Rounds are usually in Kiswahili, broken English, one of the 42 tribal languages, or all of the above," McKinnon said. "Most of my patients don't speak any English and some don't even speak Kiswahili. However, it's amazing what a smile and a handshake can do to build a rapport with patients."

In addition to these challenges, McKinnon has had to deal with theft of food, toiletries, and clothing, a fungal infection, and mosquitoes carrying the threat of malaria.

Recently, and more seriously, she has experienced tumult in Kenya with the attack at the Westgate shopping mall, the Mombasa Church shooting, demonstrations and tribal disputes. She and her hospital have remained unharmed, though.

Although the days in the hospital can be difficult, McKinnon has not lost her sense of purpose. "Sometimes I get so down because I feel like I'm constantly fighting," McKinnon said, "fighting ignorance, and fighting the situation. Never have I walked away from work completely content with my day. I always feel like more could have been done. It's draining to be fully aware that if people were better educated, resources were accessible, and money was not an issue the outcome of many of my patients may be different."

But, this has not gotten her down:

"I do love these people, I do love my work, and I am here to help in any way I can. I can't lose enthusiasm," McKinnon

To get away from day-to-day frustrations, McKinnon has spent much of her time exploring

Kenya. In different cities she has visited museums, bartered in markets, visited wildlife preservations, visited orphanages, ate at one of the 50 best restaurants in the world called Carnivore, and experienced reverse culture shock in Nairobi because of how developed it is compared to the village she lives in.

"In Nairobi you can get anything you want," McKinnon said, "while in Tabaka people are currently stocking up on food because they know within a short few months there will be the annual food shortage they have grown accustomed to."

Her favorite place to go, though, is Lake Victoria.

"Lake Victoria is literally heaven on earth to me in Kenya, I wish I could stay on the lake all the time," she said.

Although she is in her fourth month in Kenya, McKinnon still has over half a year left to serve and has already made plans to continue her work.

"I see so many volunteers come and go in such a short time," she explained. "Although their work is appreciated, they are soon forgotten, as if they never even came. Seeing this makes me more determined than ever not to be one of those types of volunteers. I love nursing but I want to do something more. At this point I believe the only way is through education. Ironically, I was just offered a clinical instructor position at Tabakas School of nursing. I have already accepted the position."

Throughout her journey, McKinnon has kept a blog entitled "Let's get lost in the world together," detailing her work, travels, and experiences through words and pictures at [www.bremkin-non.blogspot.com](http://www.bremkin-non.blogspot.com). She is also currently collecting donations through the CMMB to reach her goal of \$5,000 that support her traveling, living, and working.

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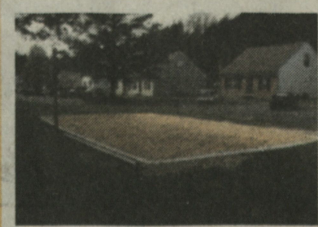
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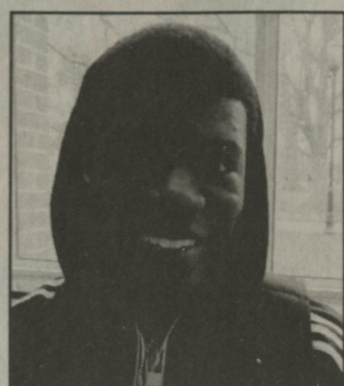
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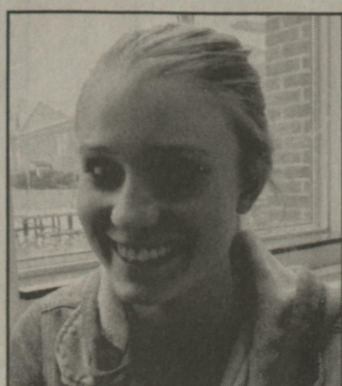
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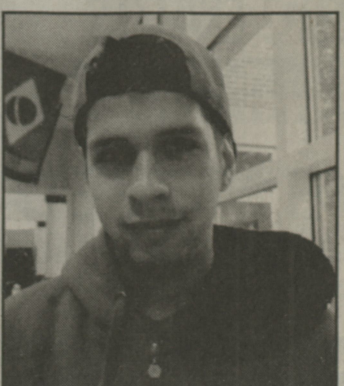
"I think it's really impressive that they got Eli Young Band who are a pretty big name in country music, and I hope students enjoy it." — Amanda Gilmore, grad student



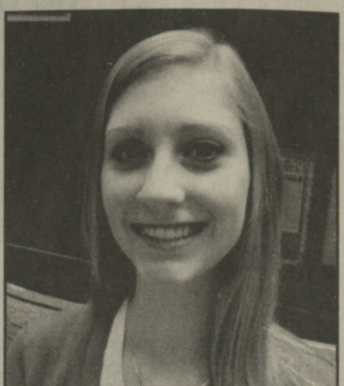
"I think we should have more variety of bands that have well known songs." — Jarrell Young, sophomore



"I like Eli Young Band but I don't like the other ones. I wish they'd chosen a more popular band." — Sarah Owen, sophomore



"I was hoping for bands like the ones that played last year." — Sergio Navarrete, sophomore



"I don't dislike them, but I probably won't be going." — Victoria Livingood, sophomore

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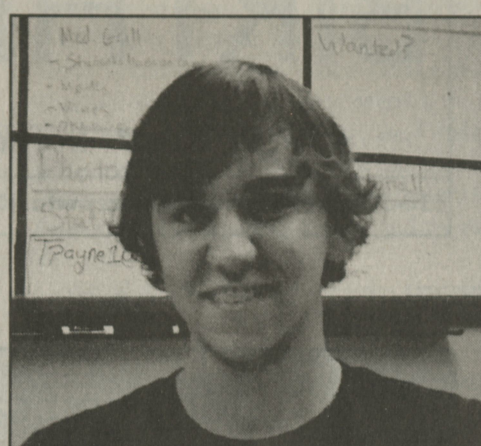
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## My experience at NCUR



BY STEVEN CENNANE  
Editorial Editor

While most of the attention garnered towards the University of Kentucky last weekend was received by their Final Four basketball team (that sadly lost on Monday night), I was one of 25 Salisbury University students to actually be at UK, presenting at the 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

This was my first time presenting at a national research conference, as the only ones I have presented at before were the campus-wide Salisbury University Student Research Conference and the statewide Maryland Collegiate Honors Conference. While presenting was a great experience, what was even better was gaining new knowledge by attending several different 15 minute sessions covering a wide array of topics.

The book of presentations that was distributed at the conference, which was so big that it could be put in the weight room at Maggs Gym and used to work out with, was filled with so many presenters that it would be impossible to go to all of the ones that would be of interest you due to time conflicts.

Just in the span of one hour I attended presentations about the "Carousel of Progress" ride at Walt Disney World promoting a dystopian future by failing to point out the downsides of ever-advancing technology, the differences in the effects of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder among males and females and whether or not kinesiology tape has any effect on athletes' performances (presented by SU senior Marguerite Gilchrist).

On different days of the three-day conference, I alternated between attending discussions covering a wide variety of topics and attending presentations that were within my major. No matter what major you are, there were enough presentations to keep you busy throughout the conference.

As I am currently taking a class all about the

European Union, I made an effort to attend all of the political science presentations that revolved around that subject. One was from a student from American University about the relationship between EU law and works of art and how nationalism and culture influences the trade of art between European countries. One example the presenter used was how the Mona Lisa — is actually seen as a symbol and national treasure of France. Because of this, the trade of works of art between European countries is difficult because it is not the origins of the painting that determine ownership — it is the politicians who are using their political capital to promote the culture of their home country.

Out of the 25 SU students, I was the only political science major in the group of attendees. However, being the sole representative of your department from your university is not out of the ordinary at national conferences.

What I did find unusual was that two small schools with perhaps even lesser known names than SU made up almost half of all the political science presentations — Hendrix College in Arkansas and Hamline University in Minnesota. However, these schools (while according to the internet are not necessarily known for their political science departments) suffered from the problem of a lack of academic diversity of their presenters — as almost all of them were political science presentations. They were all outstanding presentations nonetheless, at least among the ones I attended — which included a study of the relationship between Gross Domestic Product and presidential approval ratings in developed countries, the history and future of peremptory challenge in the American justice system and a profile of a new Euro-skeptic political party in Germany.

One problem of the conference that needs to be addressed is the difference in attendance among the presentations. One presentation I went to had over 75 in attendance while other presentations (including my own) had only five to seven people in attendance. Disparities in interest cannot be the sole reason for inequities in attendance, and this problem needs to be addressed in future conferences.

Regardless, national conferences are an opportunity that should be taken advantage of by more SU students. Giving presentations is a requirement of much of the work force, and these conferences are not only ways to practice for that, but also ways of gaining knowledge by interacting with students from all over the country. National conferences are both fun and informative and I would highly recommend these opportunities for all undergraduates currently doing research.

## Comment of the Week

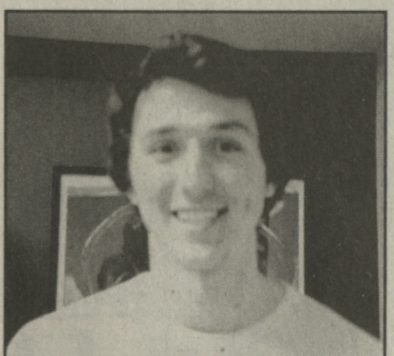
In response to the March 11, 2014 article — "Our View: Scheduling War on the Shore during Spring Break is a slap in the face to the student body."

Posted by "alumni."

"Having a huge party that endangers students and the citizens of the neighborhoods where you have them INSTEAD of going to the game does not encourage a sense of school spirit and pride. I understand the desire to 'party like it's a D-I football game' but it's not. Salisbury as a city is not College Park, or any of the other cities where these D-I schools are. There are families that live in the neighborhoods where you all would like to 'party' and it's not fair to them to put up with it just because some students want to get trashed in the middle of the day. I'm tired of hearing students (who aren't from Salisbury) complain about this when all they want is an excuse to get trashed in the middle of the day and mess up the neighborhoods where they live, and get mad when the cops show up to do their jobs."

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## Animal hoarding: when too much is too much



BY CHRIS KRAUSS  
Staff Writer

In this world there are two types of people — those who like to have a little and those who like to have a lot.

Another term for those people who like to have a whole lot is hoarders: people who take something and essentially stash an abnormally large amount of it. Now, before people go and start judging, this is pretty harmless habit most of the time, with most hoarders accumulating large amounts of toothpaste and cereal. However, there are a select few that have taken this odd obsession and

turned it into something much crueler, known simply as animal hoarding.

As odd and disgusting as that sounds, animal hoarding is a real thing and articles about it online have been more common over the past month. The concept is essentially the same as "normal" hoarding, except with animals (mostly cats and dogs) — obscene quantities of them. Personally, it makes no sense whatsoever. It's already hard enough to take care of one pet, let alone two. But when those numbers rise into the triple digits, I can't imagine how difficult it would be to keep up with each and every one. With that many, it's hard to comprehend how one can even name them all and keep track of those names.

All jokes aside, though, the stories are horrendous. They are enough to make you wonder if your neighbors have a dirty little secret swept underneath their friendly "welcome" mat.

The most recent of these stories deals with two twin sisters, who kept over 100 cats inside of their house. The pictures taken by the police on

scene show the inside of the house filled halfway to the ceiling with feces in some rooms and other rooms filled with rotting cat corpses.

Now, I would be okay with people keeping that many animals if they owned a large plot of land and were able to properly feed each one, providing the necessities that each animal deserves, but these women lived in a one-story house, with two bedrooms and the cats that were found were either dead or so malnourished that they looked like they were dying.

To the women's defense, both were incredibly ill themselves. One of them had cancer and both seemed to possess qualities that point towards types of mental illnesses, such as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and depression.

However, the other most recent story of animal hoarding is a little less extreme in terms of numbers, but proves that animal hoarding can still be serious even in a lesser extent. A woman kept 10 dogs in her one bedroom apartment and was unable to feed most of them, causing many to become deplorably ill and malnourished.

Fortunately enough, for the dogs at least, the woman received an eviction notice and it knocked enough sense into her that the space she was living in wasn't big enough for the number of animals living in it, so she called the Animal Alliance to come and pick up the dogs — a happy ending to a tragic situation.

These two examples are opposite ends of the spectrum, but no matter what end of the spectrum an example falls under, animal hoarding is purely wrong and life threatening. It's hard to imagine what makes someone jump from hoarding something small and scrumptious, such as Frosted Flakes, to hoarding living creatures.

Even worse, if I realized my Frosted Flakes were going bad, I would get rid of them, but these people don't even realize that their animals are withering away, letting most of them die instead of giving them to an animal shelter. That indifference is what makes the situation so much more frightening and all the more serious.

## 50% of US believes in medical conspiracies

BY MICHAEL FITZGERALD  
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There is a growing trend in American society today among people characterized by a strong opposition to some large-scale institution or ideology in today's world.

Those who maintain such antagonistic views tend to find any inconsistencies in the account of the organization's discourse, and exploit this gap, to try to support their fabricated view. Over time, these people become victims of their own self-deception, because this process of playing devil's advocate over and over results in these people adhering to claims that "bend the truth" and eventually replace it with their supposed explanation, which, of course, satisfies the fatuous original notions of their delusions. Consequently, particular events like Kennedy Assassination, September 11, 2001 and the moon landings allow for the most ludicrous of conspiracy theories to arise in these people, most of which seek to ratify the claims that the government as a whole aims for some destruction of society or some other means of betrayal — one that reasonable people genuinely laugh at.

When people follow this pattern of thinking, they neglect, ignore and/or contradict the well-documented records of the actual reality of the situation.

Their deliberate negation of such consensus combined with their insistence on the credibility of their own ideas leads to a frame of mind that shields itself from any effort to be reasoned with, simply because this kind of partitioned mind is riddled by bigotry and ignorance that is nearly immune to the inconsistencies it has with the nature of the genuine representation of the world pertinent to such events.

Notice that conspiracy theories pertaining to such perplexing and unrepeatable (in a sense) events still have loose ends, which is the basis on which such people fabricate these conspiracies to fill in this void, albeit any educated person who exercises intellectual honesty will see the childish nature of these ideas.

Over time, the mass media and other facets of American culture have labeled these people — who postulate such theories and create a dogmatic pattern of preventing any means of subjecting it to free inquiry — as "conspiracy nuts", "truthers" and other names.

However, when the domain of discourse shifts to conspiracies of some form in medical practices, research etc, the popularly-formed notions of a "Conspiracy Nut" only follow with a very narrow correspondence.

These "medical truthers" hold beliefs that may stem from specific cases that allow one's beliefs to be influenced by rumor, or they may follow as an implication from one's insistent argument that since the spectrum of medical knowledge spreads far among multiple governments, and its field of experts as well as all other doctors, scientists etc, that cannot be trusted.

This should be genuinely troubling, because in secular/scientific means to reach such answers, many different groups collaborate findings which are always perpetually open to disproof if some significant scientific or statistical evidence supports this refutation. As a result, no scientific 'consensus' (per se) of such vast importance will be released by the scientific community until they are more or less certain that this finding is accurate.

NPR listed some of the data found in a proper survey on the topic — administered by Eric Oliver, a professor of political science at the University of Chicago.

Proper statistical analysis and implications lead to strong (yet not certain) turnout to be as follows:

Twelve percent of US citizens assert that cell phone radiation causes cancer, whereas, a Google

search of the question yields countless publications that show that such radiation accumulates no significant basis to suggest a connection.

Another 20 percent believe that government-employed doctors want certain vaccinations to be given to children and are outraged because they believe that said vaccines cause children to become autistic. This is a ludicrous argument, because not only does it make a fallacious conclusion, but it makes a phantasmagorically abhorrent and vacuous premise.

Twelve percent hold that the CIA deliberately infected African Americans.

Twelve percent (independent of the other 12) assert that genetically-modified foods are used as the means to carry out a conspiracy that aims to reduce population worldwide.

Another 12 percent (independent of the other 12) assert that groups/organizations use water fluoridation to hide/mask pollution.

People who maintain such conspiracy in the field of modern medicine lack a fundamental understanding of the intellectual honesty of scientific methodology/arguments, as well as the abandoning of hierarchical structure of all ideas and people as determined by authority.

This practice of open inquiry that yields every scientific argument transparently susceptible to others questioning it in one way or another. Also, there are clear standards of supporting evidence to be valid in scientific practice, in which the burden of proof is on the party that is trying to argue for the conclusion; in other words, we don't assume any conclusion until it is reached — "innocent until proven guilty."

Conspiracies are a complete abandonment of the foundations of scientific methodology and ideology, and these people instead pride themselves for maintaining their own supposed explanations, despite a clear ignorance and neglect of the reliably accurate findings under such frameworks.

Oliver aptly sums up the inferiority of these adherents of charlatanism: "They think they are accessing a more reliable source of health information than what traditional medicine is providing."

Given the vastly growing technologies and discoveries about the nature of the reality, especially in a 21st century society, we have increased the capabilities of previous boundaries, and we have pioneered new ways to utilize these to our benefit.

We all have heard dozens of times how the field of study of STEM is promising today, but it appears as if we fail to see why that is: scientific foundations of arguments maximize intellectual and rational honesty, while minimizing any possible inclinations one may have when practicing this mode of inquiry.

This method of finding truth about the nature of some particular aspect of reality is vulnerable to human error, but the beauty of it is that these errors are inevitably undermined whenever the idea is subsequently being dissected.

This systematic and neutral approach to determine truths about the nature of reality has brought us from the wheel to the iPad to biological weaponry to the discovery of the Higgs Boson.

As long as we neglect or oppose the potential of this mode of logic and what we have found because of it, we will be curb human civilization from greater collective flourishing.

In the words of the great astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, "if you are scientifically literate, then the world looks very different to you.... To be scientifically literate is to empower yourself to know when someone else is full of bullshit".

## Our View

Another Disastrous Campaign Finance Ruling

The 2010 Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission struck down many of the then-existing campaign finance laws, and opened the floodgates to more secret and corporate money influencing American elections.

But that was only the beginning. Last week, another campaign finance case, McCutcheon v. Federal Elections Commission was decided by the Supreme Court that also struck down more campaign finance barriers. Like the Citizens United case, the court came to a 5-4 decision, with the five justices appointed by Republican presidents voting to strike down the FEC regulations and the four justices appointed by Democratic presidents voting to uphold the regulations.

While the Citizens United case struck down the limits in money that corporations, associations and unions can donate to political campaigns and Political Action Committees, McCutcheon struck down the overall limits that individuals can donate to campaigns and PACs. With both of these cases neutering the FEC, American elections are now going to be a club reserved exclusively for the rich, which will trickle over into what those politicians do once they get elected. This will vicerate any given influence that the common, middle class American had on our elected officials, as now the only money that will truly matter in elections are the ones who give the big bucks.

Presidential, senatorial and congressional campaigns are already three times as expensive as they were just 20 years ago — with presidential candidates having to raise over \$1 billion in order to have any chance at being elected. In the most recent presidential election, many of the Republican candidates lasted as long as they did because they had one or two people funding their campaign — like Newt Gingrich, whose campaign was largely funded by casino mogul Sheldon Adelson.

One of the biggest problems in Congress today is that the median net worth of members of Congress is over \$1 million, which undoubtedly contributes to the body's state of being out of touch with the American people. With the McCutcheon ruling, the median net worth of Congress is bound to rise, with the wealthiest individuals now having the ability to single-handedly finance a close friend or family member who wishes to run for Congress, effectively making them a puppet-legislator instead of the citizen-legislator that the Founding Fathers intended.

College students will be harmed by this ruling as well. There are no influential PACs or interest groups dedicated to the interests of college students that have the money to donate to candidates whose policies are most in tune with our beliefs, nor are there very many self-made millionaires or billionaires who are currently college students. The measly influence that college students have in policy making will be eroded to nothing. Most college students do not have the money to donate to campaigns in the first place, so when politicians become more dependent on donations, the voices of college students are heard less and less.

The tearing down of the last remaining barriers of corporate control of elections will also hurt politicians as well. As an editorial published in "Roll Call" puts it, more corporate money in elections will lead to more political careers ending in scandals and countless other lawmakers will have to endure corruption investigations. This will throw a wrench into a body that already has trouble getting anything done.

Much of the blame has to be put on the Supreme Court, with two disastrous decisions that will eliminate any connection that a member of Congress has to his or her constituents. The Supreme Court screwed up and the common voter is getting the shaft. From now on, political candidates will have suck up to the high rollers to get elected and then do anything that they are told to do in order to keep the money flowing to their campaign coffers.

According to a report from Politico, the average member of Congress spends over 60 percent of his or her time raising money for reelection. This ruling will raise that percentage, meaning that less and less time will be spent governing.

What kind of democracy is this? With this disastrous ruling, ordinary voters will have no connection to their Congressmen. We don't count. The high rollers will demand anything they want from their lap dog Congressmen, claiming that buying politicians is all part of "freedom of speech," as the Founding Fathers roll over in their graves.

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## Frozen is amazing, and not just because of the songs

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
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Last December, along with most of the rest of girls aged 5 to 50, I went to see Frozen. And since then, I've been slightly obsessed with it.

I've fallen in love with the characters, and I've almost completely memorized the entire soundtrack. I listen to "Let it Go" by Idina Menzel at least three times a day. And by listening, I actually mean sing along.

I love Frozen partially because it's so different from other Disney princess movies; it features a strong, powerful female character who doesn't need to have a romantic interest, along with her quirky, relatable sister who learns that love isn't the same as infatuation. Although Frozen is not the first Disney princess movie to incorporate these characteristics, I think it's arguably the one that does it the best.

Plus, there's a talking snowman. What's not to love?

There's a popular theory that Elsa, the lead character whose magical powers are repressed and hidden by her parents out of fear, could be Disney's first queer princess. After all, she is literally kept in the closet by them.

I think there's some definite merit to this argument, although the movie can be interpreted in a variety of ways.

I believe Frozen could have been directly inspired by Mary Wollstonecraft's famous 1792 book "A Vindication of the Rights of Women."

In her book, Wollstonecraft addresses the fact that women have been repressed socially throughout history, often viewed as beings that are somehow not quite on the same level as the rest of humanity. In one chapter, she addresses the fact that women are encouraged to repress any sexual feelings they might possess, as they are not considered worthy of knowingly feeling this level of human desire.

Wollstonecraft writes, "He advises a woman not to acquire (sentiment), if she has determined to marry. This determination, however, perfectly consistent with his former advice, he calls indelicate, and earnestly persuades his daughters to conceal it, though it may govern their conduct as if it were indelicate to have the common appetites of human nature."

As she develops from a child into an adolescent, Elsa's parents encourage her to "conceal

it, don't feel it, don't let it show."

The passage from Wollstonecraft's book struck me as similar to the lines from Frozen. They're not exactly the same. And it easily could have just been that "Let it Go" was stuck in my head while I was reading for my British literature class.

But Wollstonecraft went on to say, "Throughout there is a display of cold, artificial feelings, and that parade of sensibility which boys and girls should be taught to despise as the sure mark of a little vain mind. Florid appeals are made to heaven, and to the beautiful innocents, the fairest images of heaven here below, whilst sober sense is left far behind. This is not the language of the heart, nor will it ever reach it, though the ear may be tickled."

Wollstonecraft is arguing that in the attempt to protect young innocent children from coldness and insincere feelings, their hearts become weakened. In the parents' attempt to protect their daughter's from Elsa's power, their relationship crumbles and ultimately, her sister Anna's heart freezes. The parent's attempt to suppress Elsa's feelings because they are linked to her dangerous power. Yet Wollstonecraft

would argue that this only makes matters worse.

I do not know if the writers of Frozen were directly inspired by Wollstonecraft's work. Yet the relationship between the themes of these two works is unmistakable, which raises the question of why the themes of an 18th century feminist text are still so relevant today. Have we even progressed?

Obviously, the answer is yes. Our culture has progressed enormously since then. Women have the right to work, to vote, even to hold positions of power. We've become more tolerant of people of other ethnicities and other sexualities. And we've made the world a much better place for people with mental or physical disabilities.

But Frozen reminds us that we still have a long way to go. Our culture has changed a lot since Wollstonecraft, but that doesn't mean our ways of thinking don't still retain prejudices of that time.

It is movies like Frozen that can work to unfreeze our hearts and minds from old ways of thinking as we sing along.



## Mock Rock

AST's annual Mock Rock competition sells out Holloway Hall



Adam Dunn photo  
Mock Rock's first place winners, Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, celebrate their victory on stage in Holloway Hall.

BY JESSICA GOODELL  
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Alpha Sigma Tau's annual Mock Rock fundraiser had the Holloway Hall auditorium completely filled with Salisbury University students March 31.

"This year we sold out of all our tickets and could not accommodate the audience that wanted to come," AST's Director of Event Planning, Amanda Haller, said.

Mock Rock is a lip-synching competition between different fraternities and sororities and registered student organizations. This year's competition included Alpha Sigma Tau, Sigma Tau Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Gamma, Phi Mu, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon as well as Girls On Top of the World. It also included guest performances by Squawkappella and the Untouchables Dance Inc.

This event is AST's annual fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity is AST's national service project. Haller said that this is the biggest fundraiser they have to support it.

Habitat for Humanity builds and repairs houses all over the world by using volunteer labor and donations. The families that partner with Habitat for Humanity purchase their houses with no profit, no interest mortgage loans.

At the beginning of the event, Monica Jones, a mother of two, told her story of how Habitat for Humanity is helping her to be able to move out of the motel she and her family are currently living in into a home in Wicomico County in order to be closer to services for her 16 year-old son's severe autism. She thanked everyone in attendance for giving to the cause.

The theme of the event was 90s. The different groups danced to mash-ups of 90s hits. Some crowd favorites were "NSYNC's 'Bye Bye Bye' and 'I'm Blue' by Eiffel 65 as well as hits by Briney Spears and Destiny's Child.

"Participating in Mock Rock was fantastic; it's one of the most fun events to be a part of all year," said Sigma Tau Gamma brother Karl McMichael. "You get to clown around on a stage with some of your closest friends, competing against other close friends from different organizations. No one takes it too seriously so it's just pure entertainment and a good time."

There were five judges, including Director of Student Activities Sara Lowry and AST's advisor Alex Ashman, who took into account originality, lip-synching, costumes and choreography when deciding the winners. Third place was given to Zeta Tau Alpha, second place went to Sigma Pi and first place went to Sigma Tau Gamma.

"We are very close with AST so it meant a lot to my boys to try and put on a good show for the girls and our friends," McMichael said. "We're not the most coordinated dancers, but it's about having fun and we sure got that part down. Regardless, I'm proud of my boys for bringing home the bacon."

Each of the groups that placed received a trophy and went up to the stage to collect it as the audience members cheered.

"My favorite part of Mock Rock is definitely watching the performances," said Haller. "Everyone always puts so much effort into preparing their dance and it's really fun to watch it all come together."

Haller said that this year they are estimated to have brought in over \$2,800, which is the largest amount they have ever raised. She said they hope to make Mock Rock even bigger in the future by having more RSOs participate. They are considering moving to a larger location to accommodate the number of audience members who wish to attend. Workshop prepares students for recording industry



Adam Dunn photos  
(Top) Mock Rock participants dressed in a variety of costumes while lip-synching to support Habitat for Humanity.  
(Bottom) Fraternities coreographed dances to try and win the title of Mock Rock champion.



## Interview WXSU

### The transfer student experience

BY AARON HUTT  
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In order to get an accurate account of what it's like to come on to campus later in college careers, I interviewed ten transfer students from different races, genders, backgrounds and schools. Some, like Denton, are experiencing their first semester at Salisbury University while others, like Cabrera, have been here for over a year. Taken from different perspectives, they share their advice and experiences.

#### What made you consider Salisbury University over your last school?

David Cabrera, senior: "The cost of attendance at SU was less. It is closer to home. Academically, I needed a new start and I'm glad I chose SU."

Guy Metzler, junior: "My last school had almost no organized sports. I came to Salisbury to do track & field...when I got here, I decided against it. My last school, being a community college, had very little 'social life.' Most of the students drove there in the morning, went to class, then drove home with very little social interaction in between."

#### Was it difficult for you to adjust to school here? Is it still?

Kamaria Clemons, sophomore: "No, I have good roommates. I'm still adjusting; meeting new people and experiencing new things. This is just my second semester. I'm starting to hate walking around too. I might get a motor scooter!"

Najee Rodgers, sophomore: "Yes and it was, because I didn't know if I could trust anyone here. But now I have a set group of friends so it's a lot easier because I have a support group."

#### How do you think Maryland schools differ from Virginian schools?

Kamaria Clemons, sophomore: "The school I went to in Virginia (Northern Virginia Community College) was so diverse, yet everyone stuck to themselves and people of their own culture. Here it's different. People were a bit friendlier when I went to College of Southern Maryland."

Daniel Williams, sophomore: "Maryland schools seem way more laid-back where as schools in any other state expect more."

#### How do you think a university compares to a community college?

Kallie Jahn, sophomore: "At a university, there are students from different places while at a community college there are students from the surrounding area."

Metzler: "There is a lot more social life in universities and a lot more groups to participate in. I like university life because it gets you on your own...and teaches you responsibility in a somewhat controlled manner."

#### Have you ever gotten lost while you were on or near campus?

DeShawn Gillian, junior: "Yes, my first semester here when I took yoga in the UFC building and I wasn't used to the spread out environment."

Cabrera: "I got lost the first day of classes. I had only visited SU once before I started attending. My first class was in TETC. I was walking towards Perdue, but for some reason I didn't keep walking past Caruthers. I think I honestly thought Caruthers was TETC so I went to the map by Maggs. I eventually figured it out."

#### Any thoughts on the local area like the scenery, night life, culture or locals?

Paige Keller, sophomore: "Local area is dangerous but I love the rivers and lakes and ocean that are all so close by."

Metzler: "Well, there's not much scenery unless you like flat fields. The culture is fairly mixed (with) a lot of farms and blue collar workers. Locals are sketchy in some areas. I tend to stay away from most of them. That's why I like SU, it's like being in your own world when on campus. Night life is great if you know who to talk to. Party every night if you want."

#### How would you rank Salisbury amongst other Maryland schools? Amongst the whole country?

Malina Denton, sophomore: "I think Salisbury is kind of underrated. They have a great business school and awesome teacher(s) with a lot of knowledge. I would rate a 10 (out of 10)."

Keller: "I like Salisbury. I don't think I can compare it to the whole country since it's mostly people from the East coast and Maryland. But in Division 3 sports, Salisbury is awesome."

#### Is there anything you think SU could do to make accommodations for transfer students?

Williams: "I think scheduling could be a whole lot better for transfer students to keep them on track, and more programs to help with adjusting."

Metzler: "Inform them sooner that there is no on campus housing for transfers. Other than that, my experience overall as a transfer was smooth and pleasurable."

Andrew Glazier, junior: "If they're 21, tell them which dorms allow alcohol."

Cabrera: "Maybe they could be invited to freshmen or welcoming events. They might not know anyone, like freshman, so getting transfers those types of events would help them meet new people and let them assimilate to campus culture."

## Speakers discuss lessons in controversial cartoons

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
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When it comes to television shows that teach their viewers moral lessons in diversity and acceptance, South Park and Family Guy might not be the first to come to mind.

Family Guy, a show that uses flashbacks, crude humor and dance numbers to make light of a variety of topics, has been criticized by a number of groups including the Parents Television Council and The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. South Park does not rank much better, and has been similarly criticized by the PTC, as well members of the Catholic Church and the Muslim community.

For its portrayals of different cultural groups, causes and issues.

Yet speaker Matt Glowacki, said he loves these shows, addressing a group of Salisbury University students last week. He said the shows teach their viewers about diversity through parody and satire.

Glowacki said people often attempt to be "politically correct" when addressing difficult or controversial topics in an attempt to be seen as accepting. However, he said this often makes the situation worse.

"Diversity is not just walking around and seeing differences in people," he said. "And you're probably carrying around stereotypes you never

knew you had."

Glowacki is able to see this position from a different perspective from many other people, because he was born without legs. He said even today, many people are unable to really try to understand his condition because they don't know how to talk to him about it.

"I have to look back at people and tell them your disability is more in your mind than mine," he said. "We need to focus on our commonalities, not our differences."

Glowacki said two of the strongest commonalities within American culture are humor and entertainment, and that so-called "offensive" shows often bring together issues, which might otherwise be repressed, in ways that actually educate their viewers.

When asked about what he thinks of the portrayal Joe Swanson, a cop on Family Guy who is confined to a wheelchair, Glowacki spoke not on the jokes often surrounding their character, but on the fact that he is placed in a position of physical power and authority.

"South Park and Family are trying to prove a point," Glowacki said. "They bring in these issues and they're so offensive that you can't watch them without reacting. You have an emotional response to it."

Glowacki showed a clip from both shows. In the first, Family Guy character Peter Griffin encourages his son to become more physically fit.

The situation escalates, with Peter opting to undergo plastic surgery, ultimately becoming so obsessed with his appearance that he nearly loses his life.

Glowacki said the episode addresses a growing phenomenon in American culture known as "lookism," the idea that a person's body must be changed to satisfy someone else's standards.

"We live in a world that tells women from the time they get out of bed that they are not pretty enough, not smart enough, not good enough," Glowacki said.

Lookism is often viewed as a problem among young women in response to Barbie dolls, the media and the modeling world. However, Glowacki pointed out that lookism can happen to anyone.

"I have to admit, when I looked in the mirror this morning, I didn't go, 'Oh, yeah, you're looking good,'" he said. "It was more of an 'ehhh.'"

But Glowacki pointed out that these insecurities that can affect every human being stem from unfair expectations, alluding to a Dove video highlighting the amount of professional primping, light manipulation, and digital alteration that can go into beauty advertisements. Glowacki stated, "Those images are no more real than the cartoons we watch."

For his second clip, Glowacki showed a video from a popular South Park episode in which

one of the main characters' father, Randy Marsh, shouts the N-word on a game show. In the end, Randy can only redeem himself by apologizing to Jesse Jackson, who forgave him on behalf of the entire African American community.

Glowacki said this episode brings to a light to a concern he has seen, the idea that one person can represent an entire community.

"If someone said something offensive about someone in a wheelchair, I would never say that I forgive them, and I'll make it right with the rest of 'us,'" he said.

Glowacki said he hoped the audience would be inspired to think more critically about various issues within American society, and the discrimination that others face, alluding to Martin Niemöller's famous poem, "First they came." Glowacki pointed out that in many ways, every person is a minority at some point, based on political, racial or social labels that can divide humanity.

"I want you to stand up for other people's rights," he said. "Because everyone deserves to be treated not as a label, but as a person."

To learn more about Glowacki's life experiences and his lessons on acceptance, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8FVGicRAT-4>.

## Panel discusses breaking gender barriers in the workplace

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Women are no longer the only individuals in the work force who face the challenges of gender barriers.

The Women's History Month Committee hosted "Trailblazers: Breaking Gender Boundaries" panel discussion at Salisbury University in Perdue Hall on March 27. This year the panel featured both men and women.

More than 50 SU students and staff gathered to interact with these professional men and women who work in jobs traditionally held by members of the opposite sex.

Panelists that participated in the discussion included Jordan Braniff, Peninsula Regional Medical Center nurse, Michele Burchfield, president & CEO of MBM Group beverage marketing, Salisbury Major Jim Ireton, who is also a local elementary school teacher, Nolan Seda, ballet dancer and retired U.S. Army General Mary Willis.

Mou Chakraborty, co-chair of this year's Women's History Month Committee and Director of Public Services, said the committee decided to include men on the panel to reflect overall workforce diversity and to see things not only from a woman's perspective but a male's perspective as well.

"It's important for our students to understand that they can pursue their dreams irrespective of their gender," Chakraborty said.

Throughout the discussion each of the panelists got the opportunity to explain the advantages and disadvantages of their chosen career path as it pertains to breaking gender barriers.

Being a woman in the male-dominated beer industry, panelist Burchfield said she never thought of

herself as anything other than part of the team. Most of her female coworkers, including her, received the same education as the men.

"The key advantage had nothing to do with being a woman," Burchfield said. "What it really came down to was your credibility and knowledge."

Panelist Braniff said men comprise 10 percent of the nursing workforce, and the number is increasing. "I never really thought of myself as breaking a gender barrier until the first day of my labor and delivery rotation," Braniff said. "The whole floor stopped and just kind of stared at me."

All panelists agreed there are challenging stereotypes when it comes to gender, but as long as people are confident and passionate about their career path, gender shouldn't be an issue.

"There is no gender barrier left that can stop you from what you want to do," Braniff said.

Gloria Chibueze-Azinge, Graduate Assistant of Student Affairs and moderator of the panel discussion, said it was great to have a panel made up of such diverse roles in society because it provided the audience with different perspectives.

"I think the willingness of the panel to answer questions was excellent," she said. "Their self-motivation was definitely reflected."

Jesse Langford, SU student, said he attended the event because it was mandatory for his BUAD-300 course but that he learned a lot from the panelist.

"Each and every one of them really inspired me," Langford said. "If everyone were to think like them and pursue what they love, the world would truly be a better place."

## New audio recording training available for students

BY AJIA ALLEN  
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A new six-day certification course will be available to all starting April 12.

Platinum recording engineer and owner of West Main Recording in Salisbury, Garrett Davis, will be teaching a non-credit professional certification workshop on ProTools 11 to those who register for the opportunity. The course begins at a level suitable for amateurs and progresses each student to the level of certified user for the audio recording software.

In usual consumer (and broke college student) fashion, the mind immediately goes to expense.

Luckily, the course runs half the price of those courses that are exactly the same in content but taught in different regions.

In comparison to the \$5,000 price of a ProTools workshop offered in England and a \$3,000 course offered at other colleges for a 12-week ProTools 101 class, the new workshop available on the Eastern Shore will teach both ProTools 101 and ProTools 110 for \$1,200.

The chance to learn an advanced software and gain a certification behind it at such a low cost has finally presented itself. It ought to have a hefty outlook considering the dominance of the communication arts interest at Salisbury University, while

also being open to the community helps widen the opportunity for achievement.

Michael Camillo, Media Services Department technician, said taking the course will offer participants an advantage over those who do not.

"Your certification is that much more than your degree," he said. "There's going to be, in this school alone, 800 people walking out with degrees in May and not that many people around the world that have certifications."

Camillo can be contacted for further information of the workshop via email, [mwcamillo@salisbury.edu](mailto:mwcamillo@salisbury.edu).

The certification course starts on April 12 and will continue every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each, weekend day until May 10. While it used to be that these sorts of courses only certified the student for the specific ProTools software, the upcoming course offered will certify every student in ProTools across editions for life.

A minor six-day commitment can have participants certified as well. Interested participants can register online at <http://www.salisbury.edu/media-services/studioform.asp>.

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## Baseball tops Gwynedd Mercy

BY DAVID CABRERA  
Staff Writer

With a schedule of eight games in six days, the Salisbury University baseball team entered the last game of that stretch against Gwynedd Mercy University on Sunday a little winded.

While the Sea Gulls (19-7) ran away from the Griffins (12-8) with a win of 19-8, there were some moments of concern.

"I was little disappointed in how we came out (to start the game)," Head Coach Doug Fleetwood said. "We had no energy, we were extremely sloppy. Bad things happen when you play like that."

A week like the Sea Gulls had can take a toll on a team, and for the first two innings of the afternoon it looked to have caught up with them. Starting pitcher junior Ryan Belanger gave up four early runs on three hits and was pulled for freshman Joe Torres after two innings.

Despite the early deficit going into the bottom half of the inning, the Sea Gulls' resolve never wavered.

"I'm never really nervous with the group of guys we have," senior second baseman Johnny Schiotis said. "Anyone can come up in any position and come through."

The inning started with Schiotis being hit by a pitch. Junior left fielder Jordan Gowe approached the plate next and drove a pitch to left for a

single. He then tried to stretch it out into a double and got there successfully on a throwing error from the shortstop, which allowed Schiotis to score, pulling the Gulls within three runs.

Two batters later, with senior third baseman Ken O'Neill joining Gowe on the base paths with a walk, junior designated hitter Sam Myers hit a shot to right center, bringing around both runners.

The game was now 4-3, but the Gulls were not done putting up runs on the scoreboard.

After senior centerfielder Bill Root got on with a walk, freshman shortstop Pete Grasso came on a batter later to hit a shot right up the middle, scoring Myers and Root.

"We picked up the attitude there (in the second inning) and that gets really catchy," Fleetwood said. "The players really started to feed off of that."

Two innings later, the momentum kept on affecting the Sea Gulls direction in a big way.

Grasso drove in another run to make it 6-4, and the next batter, senior first baseman Quinn Griffith, hit an infield single to load the bases.

Schiotis was up next to attempt a suicide squeeze.

"It was just in the flow of the game," Schiotis said of his hunt attempt. "We haven't hit well situational (wise) all season."

The gamble paid off this time as

the Griffins' pitcher overthrew the catcher, allowing a runner to cross.

As the catcher was searching for the ball, not knowing that it was near the backstop and not at home plate, two more runners came home.

The Gulls would add two more runs in the inning, one off a RBI fly-out from Myers and another on a RBI single by Root.

In the bottom half of the sixth, the Gulls would widen the margin to 12 runs, with Root adding another RBI and junior right fielder Kyle Hayman and Griffith each driving in two runs.

Freshman catcher Tom LaBriola would continue the scoring, getting home on a wild pitch in the seventh. Hayman drove in another run on a RBI groundout and LaBriola's sophomore brother Mike would drive in another run to close the scoring for the Sea Gulls.

After being down 4-0, the Gulls had come back to score 19 consecutive runs.

The Griffins would add four runs in the eighth, but by then the game had long been decided.

"It was a tough week, a very long week," Fleetwood said. "Obviously the more you play the better you get and I felt like the guys finished strong."

The Sea Gulls next two home games are Tuesday and then Wednesday against CAC conference opponents Catholic and Marymount (Va.) at 3:30 p.m.

## Athlete's Health

### Mouth Guards

BY GLEN CAREY  
Staff Writer

Imagine football without helmets, soccer without shin pads or even baseball without gloves. Sports equipment has evolved tremendously, and now even the mouth guard is crucial in almost all sports.

*The American Dental Association recommends wearing custom mouth guards for the following sports:*

- \* Acrobatics
- \* Basketball
- \* Boxing
- \* Field hockey
- \* Football
- \* Gymnastics
- \* Ice hockey
- \* Lacrosse

Mouth guards became prevalent in 1927 during a boxing match between Mike McGigue and Jack Sharkey.

McGigue had chipped a tooth and severely cut his lip, which forced him to forfeit the match and started the common use of mouth guards.

"I feel they are mandatory," said Salisbury University field hockey coach Dawn Chamberlin. "You don't know where and when the ball or stick will fly."

The use of mouth guards and mouthpieces in sports can prevent dental injuries. Athletes can receive fractures of teeth, avulsions where teeth are knocked out completely or luxations where a tooth is knocked into the wrong position.

"I was hit in the face mask by an opponent's helmet," said SU junior and football player Tyler West. "It required ten stitches from a gash in my upper lip."

Chamberlin said her players are not allowed to practice or play without them. She said it is not only a rule of the team, it is a conference and NCAA rule.

There are three types of mouth guards: ready-made or stock mouth guards, mouth-formed "boil and bite" mouth guards and custom-made mouth guards that are made by a dentist.

These mouth guards vary in price and comfort, yet all provide some protection. According to the American Dental Association, the most effective mouth guard should be comfortable, resistant to tearing and resilient. A mouth guard should fit properly, be durable, easily cleaned, and not restrict speech or breathing.

"I do feel that generic mouth piece that is given to athletes from Pop Warner to college is very out dated. They don't fit well and is essentially a molded piece of rubber protecting your teeth," West said. "With all the technology in player safety and helmet safety the mouth piece is over looked."

Teeth never grow back, which is why mouth guards are vital in all sports. Protect that smile and wear a mouth guard.

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**On playing doubles with his younger brother, Shanon Gunther:**

"It can be frustrating at times; we have a really competitive relationship. We push each other to get better, and we tend to go back-and-forth sometimes, but overall we play well together."

**When he started playing tennis:**

"I started playing tennis in the ninth grade. I quit playing baseball in the seventh grade and my dad is actually a professional tennis teacher, so he got me into it."

**Coach Randy Halfpap on Gunther:**

"He's come a long way; not only has he gotten better as a tennis player, but maturity wise he has become more of a team guy. He's come in and improved a ton over the last couple of years. He wasn't in the lineup for the first couple of years, and last year he got a chance to play and he realized how much work it was going to take to get better and he's done a really good job of that this year."

## Men's and Women's tennis sweep Frostburg 9-0

BY MITCHELL NORTHAM  
Staff Writer

In the midst of a winning streak and three matches in three days, Salisbury University tennis Head Coach Randy Halfpap decided to not play his usual top three singles players, which gave senior Shane Gunther the opportunity to shine as a one seed.

"I think it was a perfect situation for him," Halfpap said. "It should be a nice catalyst for him going into big matches in the future."

The situation would prove to be one that played into Gunther's favor, but the road to a singles win was not an easy route traveled. Against Frostburg State's Brandon Hall, Gunther fell in the first set 6-4 before charging back and taking the second set 7-5, leading to a super-tiebreaker that Gunther would win 10-8 to claim the match; completing a 9-0 sweep for the Sea Gulls (9-2, 3-0 CAC) over Frostburg and extending their winning streak to five matches.

Coming into the match, Gunther heard about Hall's game and how good the sophomore was, but he wasn't intimidated.

"I just wanted to stay in the points and just play my game," Gunther said. "I got a little down on myself and lost the first set, and I realized I really had to fight for the second one; it was a lot of hard work."

Prior to winning his singles match against Hall, Gunther teamed up with his younger brother Shanon Gunther, a

sophomore, to take an 8-4 doubles victory as the two seed. Sometimes though, as the elder Gunther pointed out, playing with a sibling can be frustrating.

"We have a really competitive relationship," Gunther said. "We push each other to get better, and we tend to go back-and-forth sometimes, but overall we play well together."

The younger Gunther was moved up to play in singles as well, winning a tough match 6-1, 7-5.

The Sea Gulls first seeded doubles team, junior Daniel Albers and sophomore Eric Spangler, won their matchup, 8-2. Albers and Spangler are ranked as the eleventh among all doubles teams in the Atlantic South regional rankings.

The women's team also made a strong performance against the Bobcats, taking a 9-0 win for the match. Sophomore Natalie Savage and junior Roxanne Alban took an 8-1 win in the No. 1 spot, as did junior Sam Babo and freshman Claudia Lohn in the No. 3 spot. Savage's later 6-0 win put her in the top singles spot.

The women played again later that day and fell to the University of Mary Washington 7-2, ending the team's winning streak.

As the season winds down with just a handful of matches left on the Sea Gulls' schedule, they will look to end the regular season on a strong note before entering the CAC tournament.

"We're playing well and getting healthier," Halfpap said. "For a large majority of the guys, they're playing some of their best tennis, so I think we're in a good situation."

## Athlete Spotlight: Shane Gunther

BY MITCHELL NORTHAM  
Staff Writer

**Sport:** Men's Tennis

**Class:** Senior, 2014

**Major:** Political Science

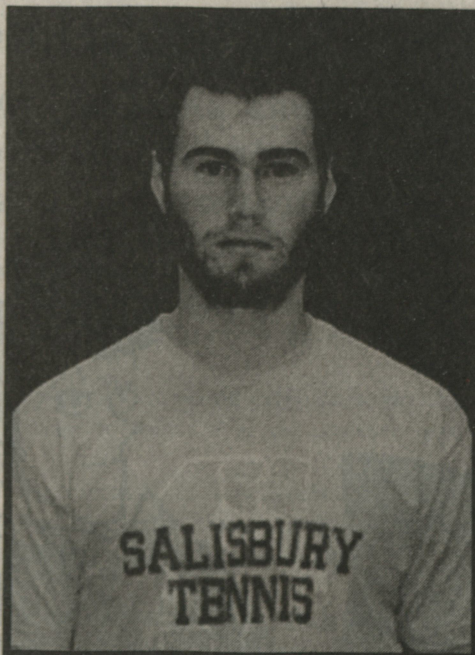
**High School/Hometown:** Queen Anne's County, Centerville, Md.

**Why he chose Salisbury over other schools:**

"I chose Salisbury because I visited and I really like the atmosphere here, and I really liked the atmosphere on the tennis team as well. It's really nice being able to go home (just a trip up the Eastern Shore to Centerville) whenever I want, and my parents being able to come and watch me."

**On being a leader as a senior:**

"Yea, it's been a lot different than previous years. I've been trying to be really enthusiastic about my other teammates and pumping them up and making sure that they're playing the



SU Athletics photo

## SU men's lacrosse defeats St. Mary's, raises money to fight Leukemia



Adam Dunn photo  
Sophomore midfielder Thomas Cirillo fights off St. Mary's for a pass to his offense.



Adam Dunn photo  
Senior goalkeeper Alex Taylor stays prepared to make a block. Taylor made 17 saves against St. Mary's, only two short of his career high, and adds to his 499 career saves.



Adam Dunn photo  
Senior midfielder Greg Korvin cuts past St. Mary's defenders to get open for the Gulls.

BY KOLBY MALY  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Men's lacrosse team defeated St. Mary's College 11-6 at Sea Gull Stadium Saturday afternoon.

It was the 4th annual Lax for Leukemia Youth Day, which featured a silent auction and many youth lacrosse programs in attendance.

All of the proceeds from the auction will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"We've raised a few thousand dollars and brought attention to the disease," said Head Coach Jim Berkman. "It's a good thing for our program to be able to give back to the community."

Assistant Coach Michael Baggetta headed the effort to make the Lax for Leukemia event a success. He worked with the parents, the silent auction, put posters together and held an autograph session after the game.

"This is an awesome tradition we have here," senior goalkeeper Alex Taylor said. "It's a great cause and great that we're able to raise money for it."

The event started when Alex Nieves, a former SU lacrosse player, was diagnosed with leukemia in December 2010. The team rallied around him during their 2011 run to the National Championship and has done their part to make this an annual event to raise awareness for the disease.

For Taylor, this game has a special meaning. "I still talk to him (Nieves) all the time, and wearing this orange jersey makes me think of him, I can't believe he beat that," Taylor said.

Taylor had a great day on the field as well, recording 17 saves that helped lead a stingy Salisbury defense. The Gulls were able to rebound after suffering their first loss of the season.

"We made a big effort to forget about the past and just move forward," senior attack Rhett DePol said. "It was a little slow at first but we were able to pick it up."

Senior attack Luke Phipps got the scoring started for the Gulls off a nice pass from sophomore Thomas Cirillo, just 41 seconds into the game. Phipps added another goal toward the end of the 1st quarter to tie the game up 2-2.

While trailing 4-3 in the 2nd quarter, the Gulls were able to seize momentum and take control of the game. The senior attack DePol found freshman Nathan Blondino near the crease, scoring just his second goal of the season.

"It's a big rivalry, they beat us in the CAC championship last year," DePol said. "We wanted to make a statement to that and get the job done today."

After Blondino's goal Salisbury would score six straight goals and hold St. Mary's scoreless from the 9:22 mark in the 2nd quarter until the

8:12 left to go in the game. Some of the Gulls' success could be attributed to faceoff wins, as they won 9 of 11 during the 2nd and 3rd quarter.

"Our defense played great; I thought they were the key to today's victory," Berkman said. "We forced them to take long shots that AT (Alex Taylor) was seeing with no problem."

Phipps had a hat trick with one assist while DePol scored and assisted twice to help lead the Gulls offense.

Salisbury returns to action Tuesday at Sea Gull Stadium to take on Wesley. The Gulls also have home games against Cabrini on Friday and Southern Virginia on Saturday.

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